

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace paragraph [01] with the following amended paragraph:

[01] This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/548,438, filed February 27, 2004. Reference is hereby made to commonly assigned U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/653,320 filed on Apr. 19, 2004 and U.S. Application No. 10/892,000 filed Jul. 15, 2004 for BLOOD COAGULATION TEST CARTRIDGE, SYSTEM AND METHOD in the name of David Wright et al.